

REMARKS

The pending claims have been replaced with new claims that are believed to be proper as to form and free of the rejections of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under §112, second paragraph, and §103 are respectfully requested.

HARTLEY 3,578,152 discloses a magazine for shotgun shells that includes two separable half sections with tie straps. One embodiment shows shotgun shells arranged in a row and stored in loops that are formed in a corrugated plastic strip. The rows are not interconnected into a form-stiff framework. Further, with regard to claim 16, the magazine is not adapted for feeding out the shells through the loops under deformation of the wall defining the loop. PROUTY 388,907 discloses a nail strip of corrugated paper wherein pockets are formed of sufficient size to hold the nails loosely. It is further stated that the nails are prevented from leaving the pockets only by closing the ends thereof. MERRICK et al. 3,812,961 discloses a magazine strip for screws that are held by friction in bores. The bores are not defined by demolishable walls that interconnect longitudinal rows of the bores where screws are in bores adjacent to empty bores.

The proposed combination of references does not disclose the bores that are defined by demolishable walls that interconnect longitudinal rows of the bores, where the walls interconnect the longitudinal rows of bores in a form-stiff

parallelepipedic framework and where screws are in bores that are adjacent to empty bores. Accordingly, claims 12-16 avoid the rejection of record.

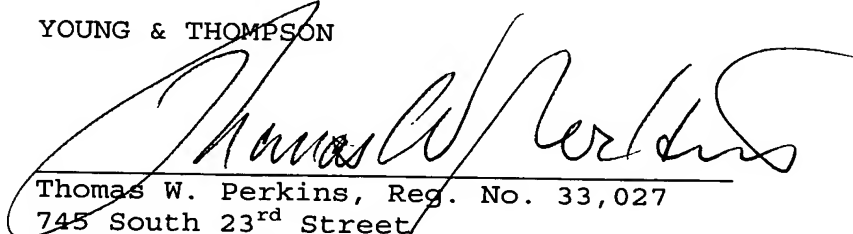
Claim 17 includes a form-stiff parallelepipedic framework of at least four parallel endless walls that are each connected to adjacent said walls by a respective corrugated wall, where the endless and corrugated walls define at least three longitudinal rows of bores, and where the rows are arranged side-by-side and the bores are also arranged side-by-side. The claim also includes screws in alternate ones of the bores in one row that is between two other rows, where the screw's head is larger than the bores so that the walls are deformed by the head when the screws are pushed through the bores. The claimed arrangement of the endless and corrugated walls, placement of the screws, and relative sizes of the bores and screw head are not disclosed or suggested in the applied references and thus claim 17 avoids the art of record.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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